GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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Light Combat Aircraft
Lokhande Shri Sadashiv Kisan

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is shortage of light combat aircraft in the Indian Air Force (IAF);

(b) if so, the reasons therefor along with the present status of availability of light combat aircraft in IAF; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to meet the shortage of such aircraft?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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(a) to (c): The modernization of the Armed Forces is an on-going process and is executed in consonance with the roadmap laid down in the Long Term Integrated Perspective Plan (LTIPP) and considering the current capabilities of the Armed Forces, the emerging threats in the region and the prevailing technological environment. Government is constantly reviewing the security environment and steps are being taken to ensure that the Indian Air Force (IAF) is fully equipped to meet the security challenges.
The induction of light combat aircraft in the IAF has commenced. Further, Acceptance of Necessity has been accorded by Defence Acquisition Council for procurement of additional light combat aircraft.
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